

CRS No. A-00004

Address: 201 Bowers Beach Road

Name: Dwelling, 201 Bowers Beach Road

Tax Parcel: 8-00-12216-01-0700-00001

Date of Construction/Major Alterations: ca. 1930/ca. 1960/ca. 1975

Time Period: 1880-1940±, Industrialization and Early Urbanization

Geographic Zone: Upper Peninsula

Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture, Engineering, and Decorative Arts (Residential Architecture) and Settlement Patterns and Demographic Changes (Community Development)

Description

This residential property is located on the north side of Bowers Beach, south of the village of Little Heaven, in South Murderkill Hundred, Kent County, Delaware. The property includes a *circa*-1930 Front Gable dwelling and a *circa*-2005 garage, clad in vinyl siding. The one-story dwelling sits back from Bowers Beach Road and faces south, parallel to the roadway. The dwelling was moved to this location ca. 1960 from Bowers Beach (east of the project area). The dwelling rests on a concrete block foundation, is clad in aluminum siding, and has a front gable roof, sheathed in asphalt shingles. An interior brick and concrete block chimney extends from the roof's east slope. A hipped-roof porch extends from the façade (south elevation) and shelters the three-bay-wide south elevation. The asphalt-shingle-clad hipped roof is supported by four evenly spaced, wrought iron posts set into a poured concrete deck and a rusticated concrete block foundation. A *circa*-1975 shed roof addition extends from the north elevation of the dwelling. The addition rests on a concrete block foundation, is clad in aluminum siding, and is sheathed with asphalt shingles. The dwelling and addition are lit by one-over-one light, double-hung sash wood windows set into aluminum surrounds. A paneled wood door with six lights provides access to the interior in the south elevation, while a wood door with a single light provides access to the rear addition in the east elevation. A *circa*-2005 garage is located northeast of the dwelling. Resting on a poured concrete foundation, the steel-studded garage is framed in plywood and clad in vinyl siding. The gable-front roof is sheathed with standing seam metal. The property is minimally landscaped and the western property boundary is tree-lined.

Historical Narrative

According to the current tenant and the neighbor at 171 Bowers Beach Road, this dwelling was moved to this location in the 1960s. An aerial photograph of the area from 1961 indicates that the dwelling was in this location by this date. The neighbor indicated the dwelling was built by the Postal family. The property is currently owned by Marie Greenly.

National Register Evaluation

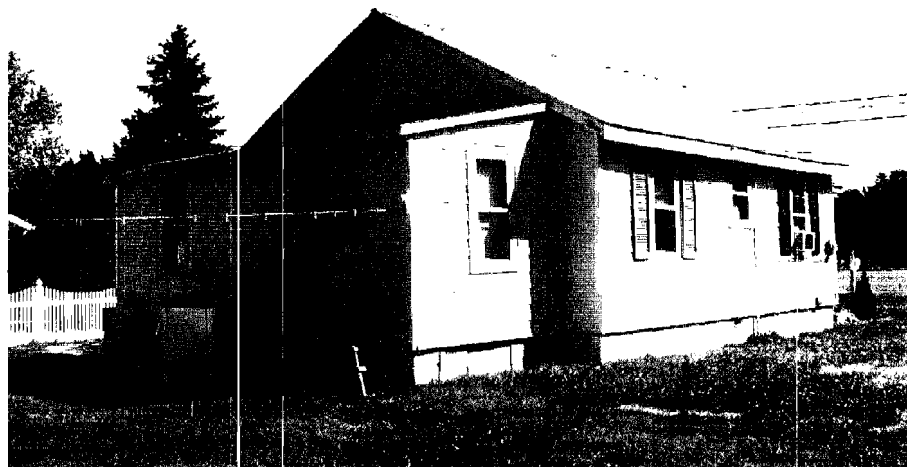
The property at 201 Bowers Beach Road was evaluated as a Front Gable Cottage. Although located along the north side of Bowers Beach Road amidst other residential strip development, the property was moved to this location and does not have potential to yield information on residential development practices and therefore is not eligible for listing in the National Register under Criterion A. Based on the background research conducted for this project, the property does not appear to be associated with an individual of historic importance; therefore, the property is not eligible under Criterion B. Due to its application of modern siding and the construction of the addition, the dwelling is an altered example of a common early- to mid-twentieth-century form and is not a notable example of the architecture of its time. The dwelling lacks integrity of materials, workmanship, and location; and thus the property is not eligible for National Register listing under Criterion C. The property does not appear to possess the potential to yield

information on building practices or methods of construction; therefore, the property does not appear to be eligible for listing under Criterion D. Due to lack of significance, the property at 201 Bowers Beach Road is not eligible for listing in the National Register.

The property is one of approximately 16 properties located amidst former farmland that was subdivided for residential construction during the late 1940s to mid 1950s and again in the 1970s. The majority of the residences along Bowers Beach Road, east of U.S. 113, were constructed ca. 1950 to present-day, with earlier examples that were moved to the small rectangular lots from other locations. These dates reflect a wide range of construction patterns and thus the development is not an early example of the common twentieth-century trend of subdividing lands located close to major highways. Therefore, the strip development is not eligible under Criterion A. The strip development does not appear to be associated with persons of critical importance to the historic development of the area; therefore, the property is not eligible for listing under Criterion B. The strip development contains dwellings that were constructed during a variety of time periods and include a wide range of forms. The development lacks a cohesive identity and thus the grouping could not be considered eligible under Criterion C as a distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction. The development does not appear to possess the potential to yield information on twentieth-century land development practices; therefore, the development does not appear to be eligible for listing under Criterion D.

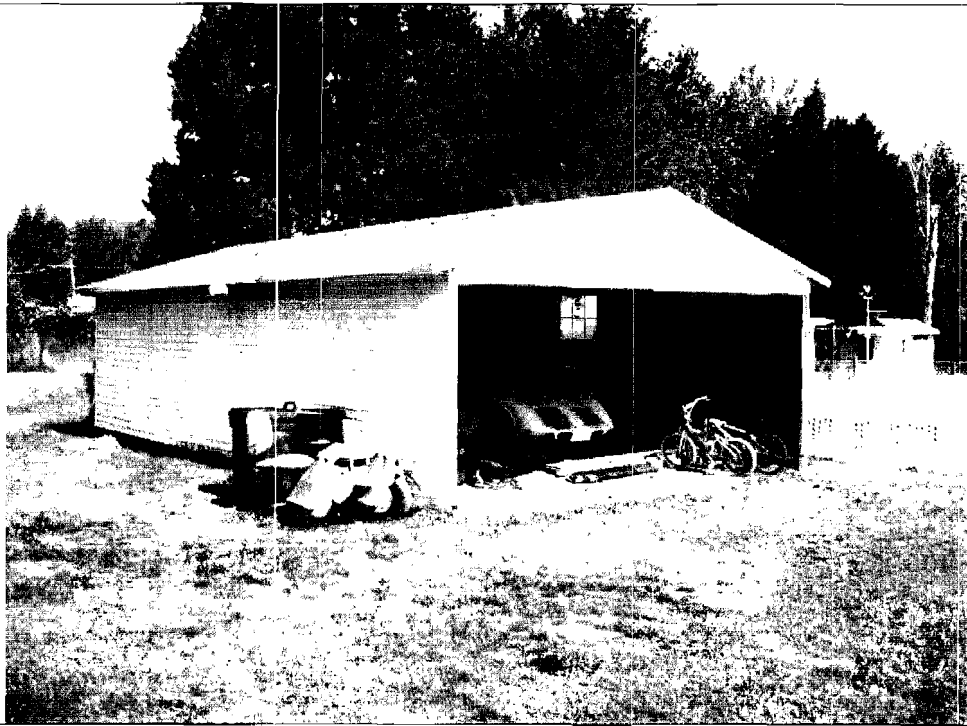


A-00004. Photograph 1: Overview of 201 Bowers Beach Road, looking northwest. The dwelling was moved to this location from Bowers Beach in the 1960s. The dwelling is clad in aluminum siding and is lit by one-over-one light, double-hung sash, wood windows set into aluminum surrounds.



A-00004: Photograph 2: Dwelling, north and west elevations, looking southeast. This rear addition was constructed ca. 1975.

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A-00004. Photograph 3: Garage, west and south elevations, view looking southeast. This modular garage was placed on the property ca. 2005.



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CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION FORM

CRS # A-00004
SPO Map 12-13-18
Hundred South Murderkill
Quad Frederica
Other 8-00-12216-01-0700-000

1. HISTORIC NAME/FUNCTION: Dwelling, 201 Bowers Beach Road
2. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 201 Bowers Beach Road
3. TOWN/NEAREST TOWN: Little Heaven vicinity? ☒
4. MAIN TYPE OF RESOURCE: building ☒ structure ☐ site ☐ object ☐
 landscape ☐ district ☐
5. MAIN FUNCTION OF PROPERTY: Residential
6. PROJECT TITLE/ REASON FOR SURVEY (if applicable):
SR1, Little Heaven Grade Separated Intersection Improvements

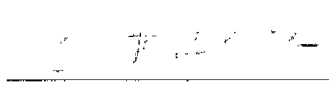
7. ADDITIONAL FORMS USED:

#:	Form:	List property types:
1	CRS 2 Main Building Form	Dwelling
0	CRS 3 Secondary Building Form	N/A
0	CRS 4 Archaeological Site Form	N/A
0	CRS 5 Structure (Building-Like) Form	N/A
0	CRS 6 Structure (Land Feature) Form	N/A
0	CRS 7 Object Form	N/A
0	CRS 8 Landscape Elements Form	N/A
1	CRS 9 Map Form	N/A
0	CRS 14 Potential District Form	N/A

8. SURVEYOR INFORMATION:

Surveyor name: Catherine M. Dluzak/Architectural Historian

Principal Investigator name: Barbara Frederick/Sr. Architectural Historian

Principal Investigator signature: 

Organization: A.D. Marble & Company Date: 09/24/2008

9. OTHER NOTES OR OBSERVATIONS:

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According to the tenant and the neighbor at 171 Bowers Beach Road, this dwelling was moved to this location in the 1960s from Bowers Beach. The dwelling apparently sat next to the beach, but its precise location is unknown. The dwelling appears in its present day location on a 1961 aerial photograph of the area.

A *circa*-2005 garage rests north of the dwelling. The property is flanked to the east by a *circa*-1975 dwelling and to the west by a 1951 Cape Cod dwelling. Lots subdivided from farmland in the late 1940s and early 1950s are located along Bowers Beach Road.

10. STATE HISTORIC CONTEXT FRAMEWORK (check all appropriate boxes; refer to state management plan(s)):

a) Time period(s)

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Pre-European Contact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Paleo-Indian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Archaic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Woodland I |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Woodland II |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 1600-1750∇ Contact Period (Native American) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 1630-1730∇ Exploration and Frontier Settlement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 1730-1770∇ Intensified and Durable Occupation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 1770-1830∇ Early Industrialization |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 1830-1880∇ Industrialization and Early Urbanization |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 1880-1940∇ Urbanization and Early Suburbanization |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 1940-1960∇ Suburbanization and Early Ex-urbanization |

b) Geographical zone

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|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Piedmont |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Upper Peninsula |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Lower Peninsula/Cypress Swamp |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Coastal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Urban (City of Wilmington) |

c) Historic period theme(s)

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> | Transportation and Communication |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Forestry | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Settlement Patterns and Demographic Changes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Trapping/Hunting | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Architecture, Engineering and Decorative Arts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Mining/Quarrying | <input type="checkbox"/> | Government |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Fishing/Oystering | <input type="checkbox"/> | Religion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Manufacturing | <input type="checkbox"/> | Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Retailing/Wholesaling | <input type="checkbox"/> | Community Organizations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> | Occupational Organizations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Professional Services | <input type="checkbox"/> | Major Families, Individuals and Events |

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CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
MAIN BUILDING FORM

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1. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 201 Bowers Beach Road
2. FUNCTION(S): Historic Dwelling current Dwelling
3. YEAR BUILT: 1930 CIRCA?: ☒ ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown
4. STYLE OR FLOOR PLAN: Gable-front cottage
5. INTEGRITY: Original site ☐ moved ☒
- | if moved, from where | other location's CRS # | year |
|--|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| <u>Bowers Beach</u> | <u>Not previously surveyed</u> | <u>ca. 1960</u> |
| <u>N/A</u> | <u>N/A</u> | <u>N/A</u> |
| list major alterations and additions with years (if known) | | year |
| <u>a. Shed-roof rear addition</u> | | <u>ca. 1975</u> |
| <u>b. N/A</u> | | <u>N/A</u> |
6. CURRENT CONDITION: excellent ☐ good ☒ fair ☐ poor ☐
7. DESCRIPTION: (Describe the resource as completely as possible. Use N/A for not applicable; leave no blanks.)
- a. Overall shape: Rectilinear Stories: One
Additions: A shed roof rear addition extends from the north elevation; rests on a concrete block foundation, and is clad in aluminum siding; 1/1 double hung sash wood windows
- b. Structural system (if known): Frame
- c. Foundation: materials: Concrete block
basement: full ☐ partial ☐ not visible ☒ no basement ☐
- d. Exterior walls (original if visible & any subsequent coverings): Aluminum siding
- e. Roof: shape: Front gable
materials: Asphalt shingles
cornice: Overhanging eaves
dormers: N/A
chimney: location(s): East slope, interior, brick and concrete block
8. DESCRIPTION OF ELEVATIONS:
- a. Facade: Direction: South
- | | |
|--------------|---------------------------|
| 1) Bays | Three (3) |
| 2) Windows | 2 |
| Fenestration | Regular |
| type | 1/1 double-hung sash wood |
| trim | Aluminum |
| shutters | N/A |

Facade (cont'd)

- 3) **Door(s)** 1
 location Center
 Type Paneled wood with 6 lights; vinyl storm door
 trim Wood
- 4) **Porch(es)** Rusticated concrete block foundation with a poured concrete deck; wrought iron columns support an asphalt-shingle-clad hipped roof

b. Side: Direction: East

- 1) **Bays** Three (3) (2 core, 1 addition)
- 2) **Windows** 2
 Fenestration Irregular
 type (1) 1/1 double-hung sash wood; (1) paired 1/1 double-hung sash wood
 trim Wood
 shutters Louvered metal inoperable - flank paired window
- 3) **Door(s)** 1
 location Addition
 type Wood with a large, single light; vinyl storm door
 trim Aluminum
- 4) **Porch(es)** 4 poured concrete steps flanked by concrete blocks

c. Side: Direction: West

- 1) **Bays** Four (4) (3 core, 1 addition)
- 2) **Windows** 4
 Fenestration Irregular
 type 1/1 double-hung sash wood with aluminum storms
 trim Aluminum
 shutters Louvered metal inoperable - flank 2nd and 4th bays
- 3) **Door(s)** 0
 location N/A
 type N/A
 trim N/A
- 4) **Porch(es)** N/A

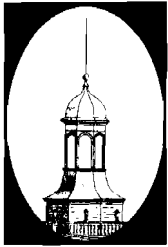
d. Rear: Direction: North

- 1) **Bays** Two (2)
- 2) **Windows** 2
 Fenestration Regular
 type 1/1 double-hung sash wood
 trim Wood
 Shutters N/A
- 3) **Door(s)** N/A
 location N/A
 type N/A
 trim N/A
- 4) **Porch(es)** N/A

9. **INTERIOR:** Not accessible.

10. **LANDSCAPING:** Minimal landscaping. Western property boundary is tree-lined.

11. **OTHER COMMENTS:** A modern garage constructed ca. 2005 is located near the northeastern corner of the dwelling. The current tenant indicated that the dwelling was moved from Bowers Beach in 1975 according to date stone on addition; neighbor to west, however, indicates dwelling was moved in the 1960s.



CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
MAP FORM

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1. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 201 Bowers Beach Road

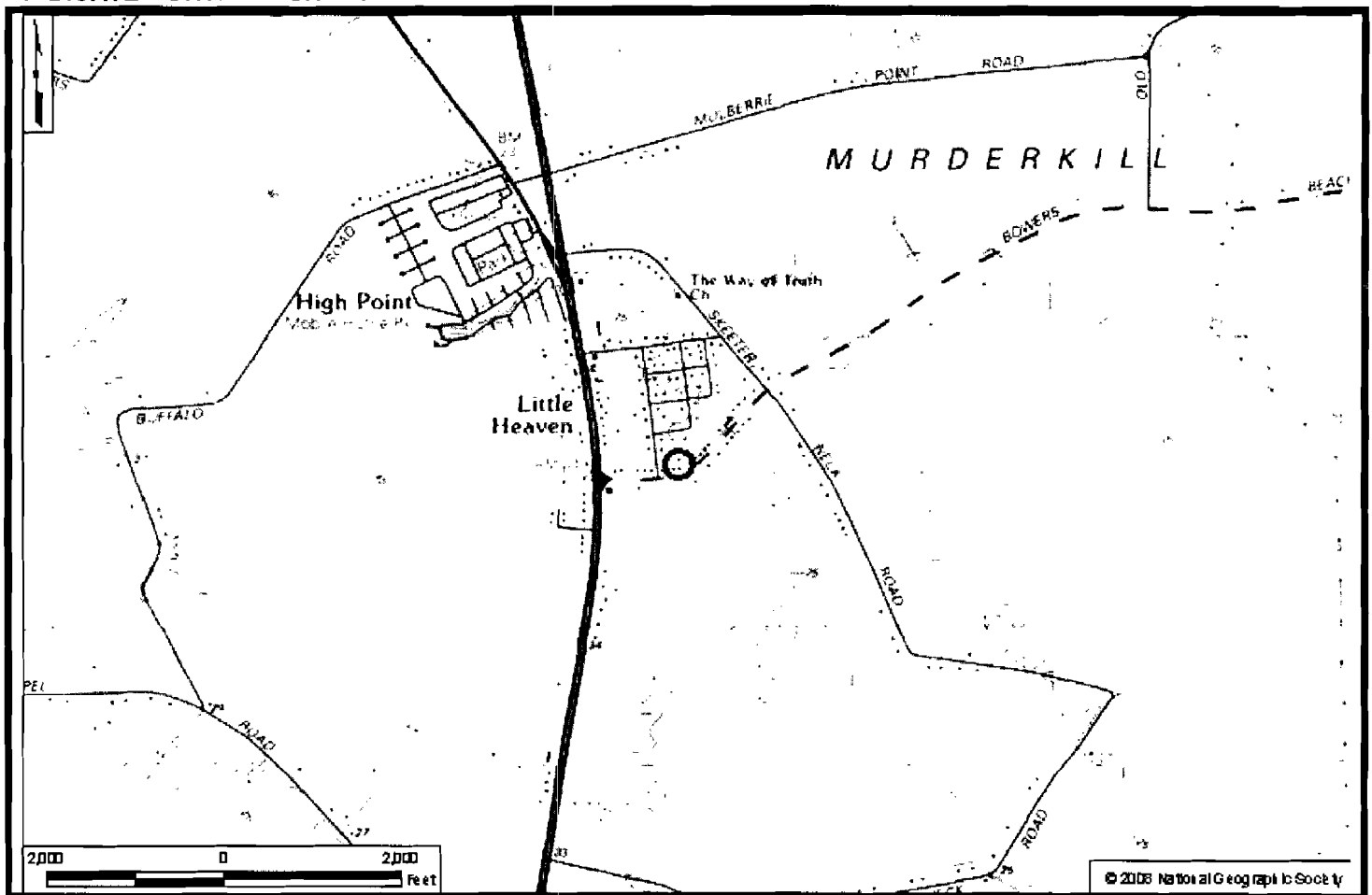
2. NOT FOR PUBLICATION ☐ reason: _____

3. LOCATION MAP:

Indicate position of resource in relation to geographical landmarks such as streams and crossroads.

(attach section of USGS quad map with location marked or draw location map)

INDICATE NORTH ON SKETCH



4. SITE PLAN:

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INDICATE NORTH ON PLAN



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